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**COMBINED RESPONSE AFTER FINAL
UNDER RULE 116 AND AMENDMENT/RESPONSE**

Dear Examiner Wood:

In response to the final Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on May 31, 2006 (the "Office Action") and the Advisory Action mailed on September 14, 2006 (the "Advisory Action"), Applicants make the following amendments and submit the remarks appearing after the amendments. This is a combined response after final and amendment, confirming withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action's rejections and presenting new claims for consideration.

A two-month extension of time is hereby submitted with the appropriate fees. This is, however, a conditional petition for any extension needed and an authorization to charge missing fees to Deposit Account No. 23-2126.